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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: WINNER IN KIEN TUONG

REF: SAIGON 6730; SAIGON 8740

1. REFTELS REPORTED ON ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN KIEN TUONG WHERE LE MINH CHIEU RAN UNOPPOSED FOR THE SINGLE SEAT AT STAKE.

2. FOLLOWING THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE OTHER FOUR

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CANDIDATES (REF B), HOA HAO LE MIN CHIEU REMAINED THE ONLY CANDIDATE. OUT OF 13,537 PEOPLE WHO WENT TO THE POLLS ONLY 10,961 CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR HIM. THUS SOME 2,500 PEOPLE VOICED THIER DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CHOICE, PERHAPS BY DROPPING EMPTY ENVELOPES INTO THE BALLOT BOXES.

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3. CHIEU WAS BORN I
UAN GIANG IN 1932 AND IS PRESENTLY
A MERCHANT IN SAIGON. EXPERIENCE IN KIEN TUONG
INCLUDES SERVICE AS HOA HAO CAPTAIN, AND EMPLOYEMNT
IN KIEN TUONG CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM 1956-60.

4. THE KIEN TUOC PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
HAS ASKED THAT
CHIEU'S CANDIDACY BE RE-EXAMINED BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED
VC FAMILY CONNECTIONS. POSSIBLE THAT RESULTS MAY BE
INVALIDATED ON THIS BASIS, BUT SOUNDINGS IN PROVINCE
INDICATED IT UNLIKELY. BUNKER

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